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The **Centennial Library E[lectronic] News[letter]**, published 5 times during the academic year, is provided to inform about, encourage the use of, and heighten awareness about Library resources and services at Cedarville College. Comments and questions are encouraged.

NEW ELECTRONIC RESOURCES AVAILABLE

Six new electronic databases have been or will soon be added to the Library resources available on CedarNet through the Library Home Page, CedarLINK. Two new resources are currently accessible:

SIRS Government Reporter - The electronic database makes available current and historic government documents, landmark and recent U. S. Supreme Court decisions, information about federal departments and agencies, and facts about U.S. Congressional members and Supreme Court justices.

CIS Congressional Compass - Claims to be the world's most comprehensive access to U.S. legislative information. Includes congressional publications; bills, laws, and regulations; information about current members of congress and congressional committees; and links to other Web sites with information about Congress and American politics.

Four other electronic databases will be available after Thanksgiving:

Criminal Justice Abstracts - A major resource in criminology, this source covers criminal justice trends, crime prevention and deterrence, juvenile delinquency and justice, police, courts, punishment, and sentencing. The database contains indexing and abstracts of print journals since 1969.

MLA International Bibliography - The Modern Language Association International Bibliography of Books and Articles on the Modern Languages and Literature provides a classified listing and subject index for books and articles published on modern languages, literatures, folklore, and linguistics. With coverage from 1963 to the present, 3,000 journals, monographic series, working papers, and conference proceedings are indexed.

Social Work Abstracts - From the National Association of Social Workers, this database contains information on social work and human services, with index and abstract coverage from 1977 to the present.

Sports Discus - With coverage from 1975 to the present, this comprehensive international database addresses topics in sports medicine, exercise physiology, biomechanics, coaching, physical education, and other fitness-related topics.

To access these databases, select "**Research Databases**" on the Library Home Page, which is found on the College Home Page by selecting "**Centennial Library.**"

CD-ROM WRITERS NOW AVAILABLE

The Media Resource Center is now equipped with four HP SureStore CD-Writers. These can be used to "burn" blank compact discs for saving music, video, data, and archive materials. Each CD will hold 74 minutes of video (650 MB's of information). Blank CD's are available in the MRC for \$10.00. A multimedia tutorial CD is available on reserve in the MRC to assist the user in learning how to "write" data and music to a compact disc, explaining all the steps for the successful transfer of data. For additional information, contact Patty Stutes at 7852 or Carl Brandon at 7851.

NEW LIBRARY STAFF ADDED

Two new staff members have recently joined the Centennial Library team.

Tricia Walker, a 1996 Professional Writing graduate of the College, is now serving as the *Reader Services Technical Coordinator*. Tricia provides technical writing and software support for multi-format communication and educational tools for the Library User Education program, as well as technical support for other Library electronic projects like the Library's Web Home Page.

Mary Shultz joins the staff as *Circulation Services Assistant*, providing part-time assistance to the Circulation Services Manager by serving faculty and student needs at the Main Circulation Desk.

LIBRARY STUDENT ASSISTANTS

This is a reminder that an important part of the Centennial Library staff team are the Student Assistants who provide invaluable service to Library staff and patrons. Without the contribution of approximately 40 Student Assistants, the Library would not be able to provide the breadth of service hours that are currently available. In 1996/97 Library Student Assistants worked a total of 13,345 hours in five services areas. Student Assistants provide service support in Circulation services, acquisitions, materials processing, Curriculum Materials Center services, Media Production Center services, classroom media and technology support through AV Services, and computer hardware maintenance support. *In fact, 46% of the Centennial Library's hours of service are staffed and supervised exclusively by Student Assistants.* These very capable young people are to be commended for the significant skills they must learn in operating the Library's systems, in delivering the wide range of library services and resources, and in representing Library philosophy and policies to our patrons. These work experiences are an important part of their college education and represent important opportunities for personal growth and development. A few Library Student Assistants have been so influenced by their Centennial

Library work experience that they have gone on for advanced degrees in library science and information technology--the next generation of information specialists. It is important to remember that when responsible for service areas, these Student Assistants are extensions of the Library faculty and staff, and they carry the authority necessary to carry out their tasks. They are valued members of the Library staff.

***"LIBRARIES CONNECT"* STATEWIDE LIBRARY COOPERATIVE INITIATIVE**

Ohio's three statewide library programs, **OhioLINK** (Ohio Library and Information Network serving the academic libraries), **OPLIN** (Ohio Public Library Information Network), and **INFOhio** (Information Network for Ohio Schools), in coordination with the State Library of Ohio, are beginning an aggressive campaign called ***"Libraries Connect"*** to maximize the sharing of their resources. This initiative formalizes their intentions and provides a foundation for them to work together to define common information needs and to investigate ways to effectively provide information to those using Ohio libraries. The three are beginning to share electronic resources. For example, OhioLINK and INFOhio have initiated a pilot program to study what it will mean for high school students and teachers across the state to have access to OhioLINK resources, such as advanced placement English classes using full-text poetry and literature databases. Already, all three organizations benefit economically by using a common telecommunications provider to the Internet, OARnet, the Ohio Academic Resources Network. Areas of investigation for future collaboration include the cooperative purchase of databases; the joint use of an efficient, common statewide delivery service; the creation of a training program which will allow users to take full advantage of available electronic resources; and the ability to identify unique electronic resources available within the state. The Cedarville College Centennial Library is part of the OhioLINK network.

LIBRARY HOLIDAY AND QUARTER BREAK HOURS

The following are the public hours for the Centennial Library for the Thanksgiving and quarter breaks. Please plan your schedule accordingly.

Thanksgiving Break:

November 26	Close at 3:00 p.m.
November 27-29 (Thanksgiving)	Closed
December 1	8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
December 2	Resume regular hours

Quarter Break:

December 12	Close at 5:00 p.m.
December 13	Closed
December 15-19	8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
December 20	Closed
December 22-27 (Christmas week)	Closed

December 29-31

8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

January 1 (New Year's Day)

Closed

January 2-3

Closed

January 5

Resume regular hours

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